

was divided into a number of parts and we could not, we could not get to the amendment that Senator Landis was proposing in total before we went to cloture. We voted on the pending amendment to the amendment. We leapfrogged over the original amendment and went to advancing the bill. So the purpose of the rule was to handle that situation so that the body could, no matter what direction the discussion took up to this point, could get to vote...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...on the original amendment which in this case would be the committee amendments. And I'll say very briefly, I may speak again, or can we only speak once on this question? No, I'm on Senator Abboud's time. I would say in addition to that that it's not anyone's fault here that we haven't discussed the rest of these provisions of the committee amendments. That's the process that we're involved with, and if you don't feel comfortable approving the committee amendments, you don't have to, but if you do you have the opportunity to. So I think it's fair, I think it's fair for everyone that we proceed to vote on the committee amendments in total. That makes a lot more sense than voting on part 2 of 24 parts which really accomplishes nothing. If that's the case, we've got to go back to the rule and rewrite the rule again next year so that the process at least has some chance of working. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. I will remind the body that each, pursuant to Rule 1, Section 12, each member may only speak once. Senator Will, your light is next.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I rise in support of the Chair and their interpretation of this rule. Senator Bromm is absolutely correct about the discussion that occurred in the Rules Committee with respect to this matter and how exactly the cloture motion should have an impact when it is taken up. I think reading the plain language of the amendment, Senator Lindsay has focused in exactly on what the issue is and that is on what the original amendment means according to this. I think that taken by the literal language of this, it probably very well does mean simply the divided portion. I know that the discussion in the Rules Committee revolved around exactly what should occur at the point that cloture happens. I think that entering into that mix has been